these products. Besides, they have also been advised to verify the genuineness, antecedents and capabilities of persons/agencies intending to take up activities under the parallel marketing system and to take appropriate action against persons who have been found indulging in fraudulent and unfair trade practices. Public have also been suitably advised and warned through press releases that they must find out the antecedents, genuineness and capabilities of concerned parallel marketeers before entering into any transaction with them. MRTP Commission also takes action against persons/firms/companies indulging in unfair trade practices. Further, in order to protect their interests and to educate the prospective customers and distributors, etc. about the genuineness and capabilities of the parallel marketeers, a system of rating of parallel marketeers for evaluation of their capabilities, infrastructure network and readiness to carry out professed business and deliver goods and services promised, has been introduced.

(c) The LPG and SKO imported by parallel marketeers during the last three years is as under:

Figures in TMT

	LPG	SKO
1993-94	7.1	102.6
1994-95	41.8	602.7
1995-96 (Apr.-Jan.)	51.5	576.6

State-wise figures are not maintained. M/s. Reliance Petroleum and M/s. SPIC have already commissioned their LPG import facilities at Hazira and Tuticorin respectively. Many other parties are in the process of developing their own import facilities for LPG.

Hike in administered prices of Petroleum products

155. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has recommended an immediate 15 to 40 percent hike in the administered prices of petroleum products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

35th Telephone Adalat

156. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited propose to hold its 35th Telephone Adalat on 13th April, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof with formalities required for subscribers to participate in it;

(c) whether some time limit for repair of faulty connections have been prescribed by MTNL;

(d) whether some time limit for shifting of telephone connections from one exchange to another or within same exchange has also been prescribed by MTNL;

(e) whether the above cases can also be reported to Telephone Adalat in case time schedule is not adhered to by the officials of MTNL; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?